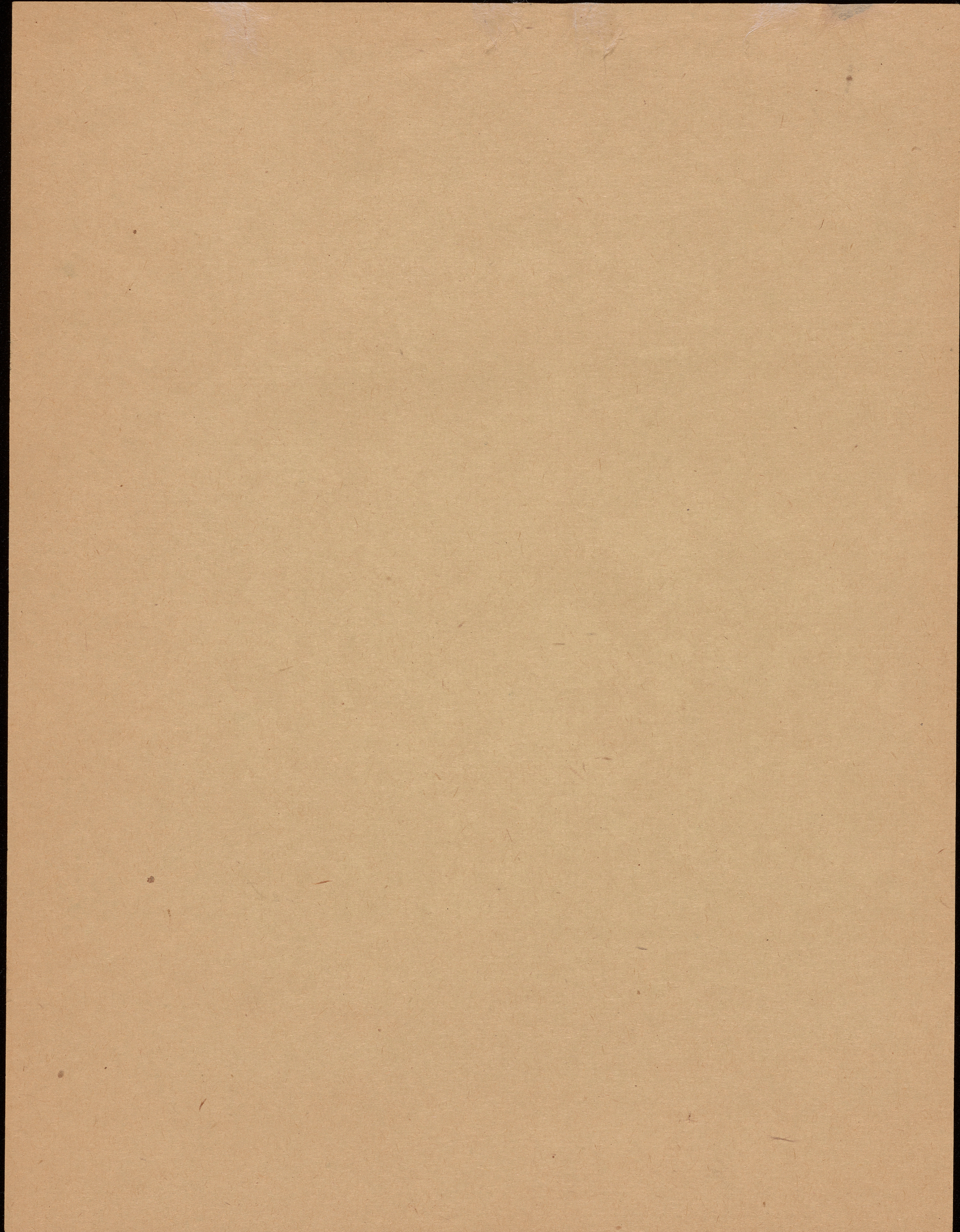


① To the Selectmen of the Town of Boston -
Gentlemen

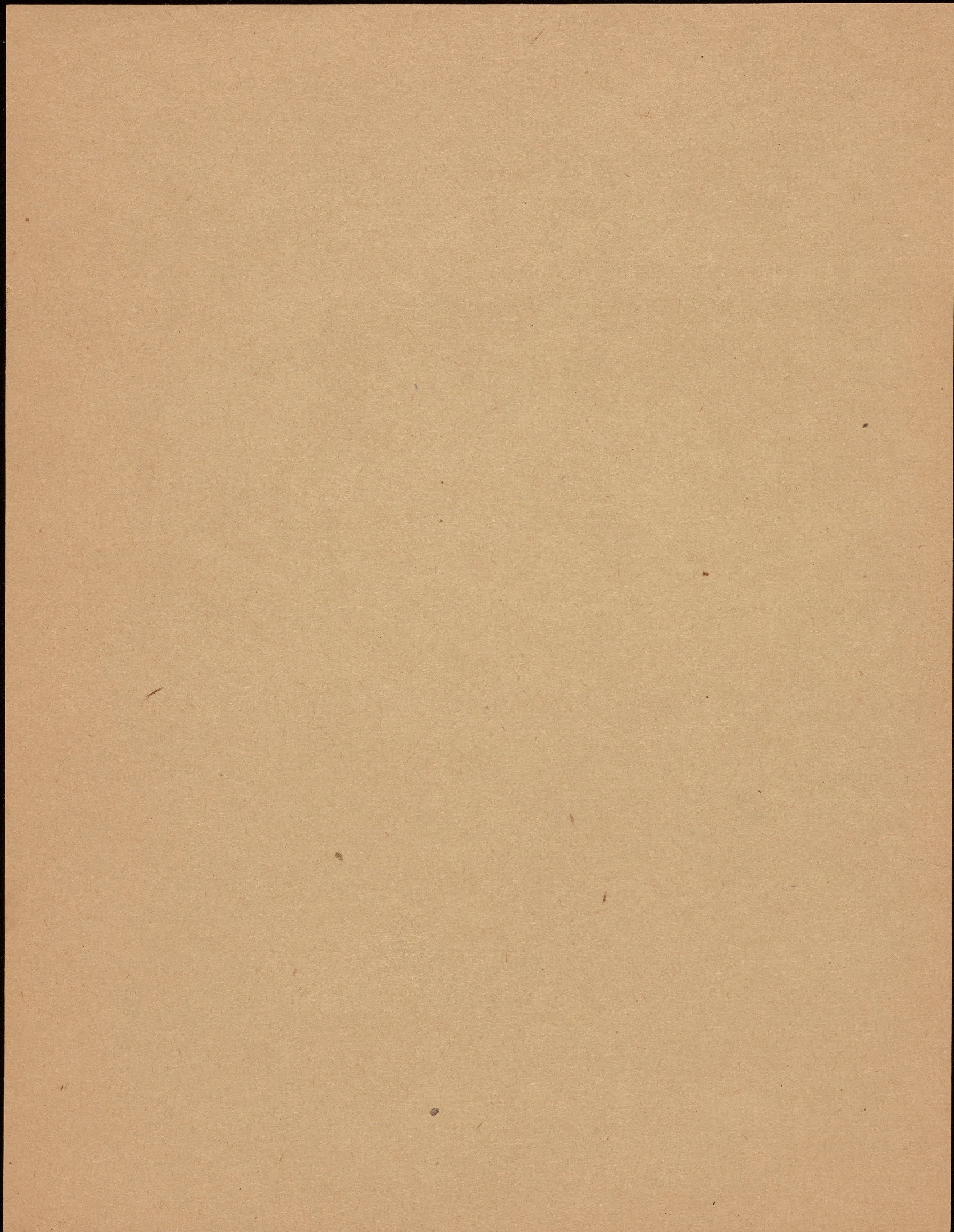
We received your communication of
the 10th of August last; with an enclosed copy
of the proceedings of the highly respectable
Town of Boston; on the subject of the Embargo
with a request for this Town to join with them
in petitioning to the President to suspend the
Embargo, either wholly or partially, according to
the Power vested in him, by the Congress of the
United States. -----

We have duly, and deliberately,
considered the late measures of Government, and
the operation of the Embargo, which are not only
+ generally known, but universally felt; and we are
fully of opinion that the measures of the Em-
bargo; were not a wise and political one, nor
calculation either for the interest or the honor of
the nation - For an Embargo on the Agri-
cultural and Commercial Country like this
strikes a most fatal stroke to its sources.



(2) besides we conceive that it is not only oppressive in its operations, but an infringement on the rights and liberties of our dear bought freedom; neither do we believe that it was designed, to answer the end it were pretended, which were to save our men and property from the capture of those belligerent Powers.

We should be happy in joining with so respectable a part of the community as the Town of Boston, in any measure we think likely to remove so great a national wile - but we are and ever have been of opinion, that the Power vested in the Parliament by the Congress of the United States; was on such conditions that under the present existing national circumstances, that it would not have any effect on his Philosophical mind in removing this oppressive and unconstitutional Embargo - for this is the strong ground which has been their Boast and the measures which they say have become so Popular -



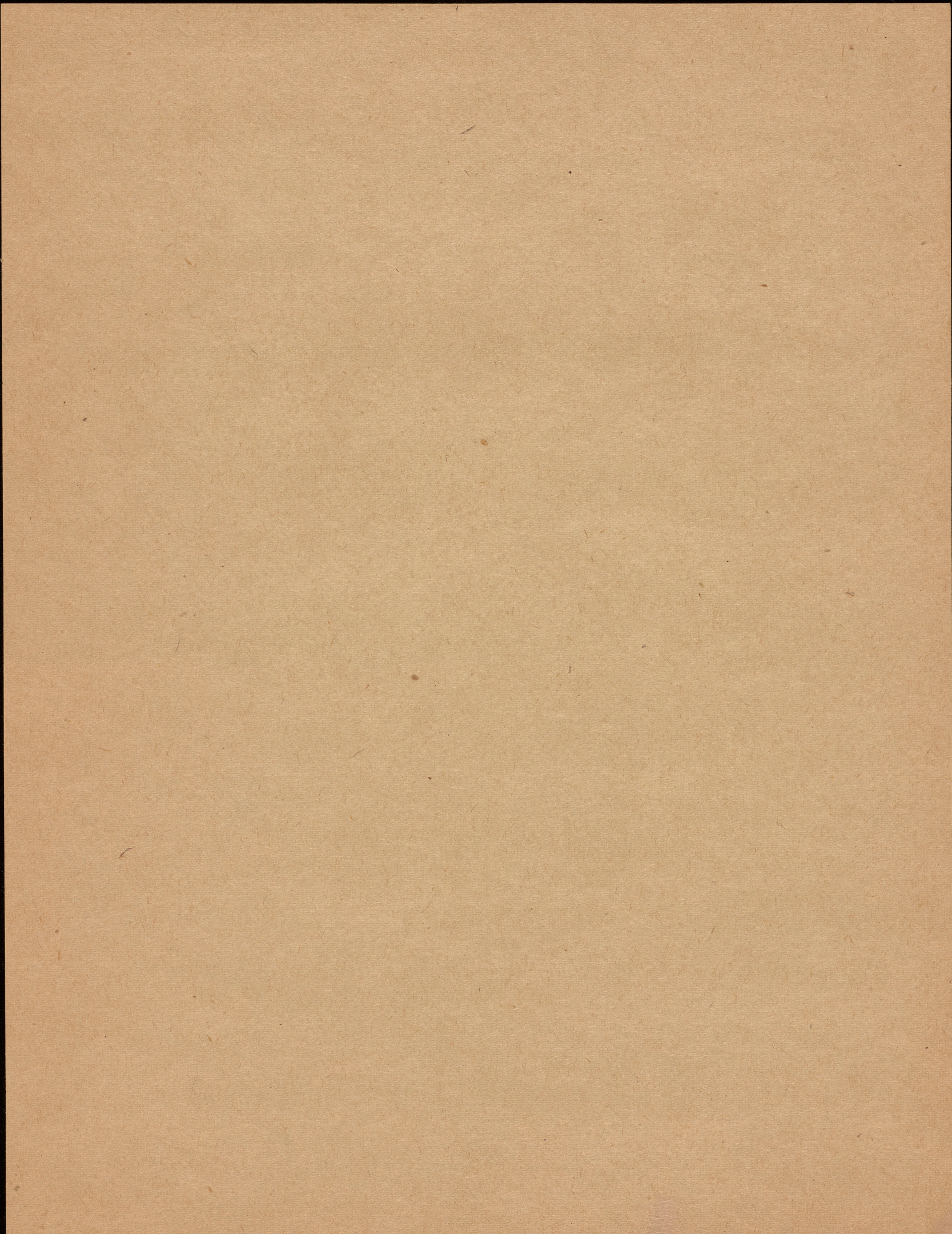
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Silently endure, many evils, before a
murmur shall be heard from our mouths.

This town is small in number, consequently would be considered of but little weight in the great national scale - besides this Town has ever been distinguished for their moderation in taking up Political matters either for or against Government, but as much distinguished for their uniform support, of Federal men and Federal measures, and we still remain firm in support of the Federal cause, believing that this country owes much of its Wealth and Eminence to the wise and Virtuous Administrator, of Washington and Adams.

Gentlemen Please to accept of our best wishes for your Welfare, and the welfare of our Common Country.

Southboro Sept 30th 1808



④ We are sensible that any Town or Body Politics have a constitutional right, to Petition the Government for redress of Grievances sustained but at the present and alarming situation of our Country, both of an external and internal nature - We therefore deem it our Duty to descend only to prudent measures - as a general Petitioning to the President manifest the great uneasiness of the People, and as we fear would have a tendency to rouse the prevailing uneasiness to such a degree that the measures of Government might be resisted to arms and should the Embargo be removed by the force of the People we fear that the remedy would be worse than the Disease.

We as Citizens of the United States have a natural Regard for our Country and its constituted Authorities and are wishing to support with Patriotic Fidelity, the laws enacted by our elective Government, therefore we patiently and

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Selectmen
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